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SUBJ: NARCOTICS DETECTION; REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GOES

1. THE GOES ARMY FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF ASKED IF THE EMBASSY COULD ASSIST IN OBTAINING SIX TEAMS OF DOGS AND HANDLERS TRAINED IN NARCOTIC DETECTION FROM EITHER THE DEA OR CUSTOMS TO ASSIST THE NATIONAL POLICE FROM JULY 6 TO 19 IN SCREENING INCOMING TRAVELERS PRIOR TO AND DURING THE MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT. THE CHIEF OF STAFF DESIRES TO COVER THE ILOPANGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND TWO MAIN BORDER CROSSINGS BETWEEN GUATEMALA AND EL SALVADOR.

2. ADDITIONALLY, THE COS EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND ARMED FORCES SCHOOLED IN THE TECHNIQUE OF USING DOGS TO DETECT NARCOTICS. IF POSSIBLE, HE DESIRES THAT THE TRAINING BE CONDUCTED IN SAN SALVADOR. IF THIS IS NOT FEASIBLE HE DESIRES TO KNOW WHAT US AGENCY CAN GIVE HIM INFORMATION ON WHERE THE MEN WILL HAVE TO GO IN ORDER TO RECEIVE TRAINING.

3. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES WITH DEA AND CUSTOMS TO SEE IF TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 6-19, AND IF THESE AGENCIES OFFER TRAINING EITHER ABROAD OR IN THE US. EMBASSY FEELS THAT IF THIS ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL POLICE IS FORTHCOMING IT WOULD ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR NARCOTICS PROGRAM, AND SERVE TO REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL.

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